

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system, comprising:

a central database facility storing and maintaining data relating to items to be sold at a point of sale and at least one downloadable user interface; and

~~an~~ at least one application facility coupled to said central database facility via an electronic data network and configured to access said central database facility to downloadably receive said data related to said at least one downloadable user interface during a point of sale transaction, to process said at least one downloadable user interface within a browser application executing within said application facility, and to process said data relating to said items in real-time via said at least one downloadable user interface to permit a real-time point of sale based change ~~facilitate a POS operation~~ ~~related~~ to said data relating to said items.
2. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said electronic data network is the Internet and said browser application is a world wide web browser.
3. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said data includes enterprise data related to said items, said at least one application facility is further configured to permit enterprise management functions related to said enterprise data.
4. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one downloadable user interface includes ~~contains~~ at least one HTML object ~~document~~ containing facilities configured to permit said at least one downloadable user interface to operate within said browser application.

5. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one downloadable user interface operates to permit operation and verification of user-entered data related to at least one item from among said items to be sold at said point of sale.

6. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one application facility is coupled to a cash drawer, said at least one downloadable user interface configured to control operation of said cash drawer based on said POS operation.

7. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said at least one application facility is coupled to a cash drawer system, said cash drawer system is configured to automatically open in response to operation of said at least one downloadable user interface when said POS operation is a cash money transaction.

8. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating real-time web based point of sale operations, comprising:

a central database management facility storing and managing data related to at least one downloadable user interface form operable within a browser application and to items which may be sold at a point of sale; and

a plurality of client data processing facilities coupled to said central data management facility via an electronic data network, each client data processing system of said plurality of client data processing systems located at a remote point of sale and coupled to said central data management facility via a network connection over said electronic data network, each client data processing facility configured to execute said

browser application, to access said central database management facility via said network connection to retrieve and process said at least one downloadable user interface form within said browser application, to access said central database management facility in real time to retrieve data related to at least one of said items to permit a real-time point of sale based change to said data ~~facilitate a remote point of sale related operation~~, and to cause said central database management facility to manage said data in real-time about at least one of said items based on said remote point of sale related operation.

9. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 8, wherein said central database management facility is a web enabled server system configured to process web based transactions received via said electronic data network and at least one client data processing facility from said plurality of client data processing systems.

10. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said browser application is a web browser client and said at least one downloadable user interface form is a web document containing fields to be filled in within said browser application.

11. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein said at least one downloadable user interface form is a self-contained software package configured to be executed within said browser application and configured to permit user entry of data to be transmitted to said central database management facility via said electronic data network.

12. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 8, wherein at least one client data processing facility among said plurality of client data processing facilities includes a cash drawer configured to be operated based on said at least one downloadable user interface form.

13. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said central database management facility is further configured to store and manage data related to said cash drawer and said client data processing facility is further configured to execute said browser application, to access said central database management facility via said network connection to retrieve and process said at least one downloadable user interface form within said browser application, to access said central database management facility in real time to cause said central database management facility to manage said data related to said cash drawer based on said remote point of sale related operation.

14. (Original) The system according to claim 8, wherein said self-contained software package includes script instructions configured to control user-entry of data within said browser application.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for facilitating real-time, web based point of sale operations, comprising the steps of:

at a central database facility, storing and maintaining data relating to items to be sold at a point of sale and at least one downloadable user interface;

permitting access to said central database facility to receive said data related to said at least one downloadable user interface;

processing said at least one downloadable user interface within a browser application executing within at least one an application facility; and

at said at least one application facility, processing said data relating to said items in real-time via said at least one downloadable user interface to permit a real-time point of sale (POS) based change ~~facilitate a POS operation related~~ to said data relating to said items.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein said permitting step is performed to allow a user to access said central database facility via an electronic data network.

17. (Original) The method according to claim 16 wherein said electronic data network is the Internet.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, further comprising the step of controlling a peripheral device coupled to said at least one application facility based on said POS based change operation.

19. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein said peripheral is a printer.

20. (Original) The method according to claim 18, wherein said peripheral is a cash drawer.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein at least one user interface is at least one downloadable electronic form operable within said application facility, said at least one electronic form permitting user input and controlling said at least one application facility to process said user input and to update said data

stored and maintained by said central database facility.

22. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein said real-time change is price related.

23. (New) The system of claim 1, wherein said real-time change is implemented at every said at least one application facility coupled to said central database facility.

24. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein said real-time change is price related.

25. (New) The system of claim 8, wherein said real-time change is implemented at each of said client data processing facilities.

26. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein said real-time change is price related.

27. (New) The method according to claim 15 further comprising the step of implementing said real-time change at each of said at least one application facility.

28. (New) In a method for facilitating point of sale operations in a retail enterprise comprising the steps of storing and maintaining inventory data at a central database facility, accessing to said central database facility from at least one remote application facility, and processing real-time data related to a point of sale operation at said at least one remote application facility, the improvement comprising permitting at least one real-time point of sale based change to inventory data at said at least one remote application facility responsive to said processing of real-time data.

29. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein said at least one real-time change is price related.

30. (New) The method according to claim 28, wherein said at least one real-time change is implemented at each of said at least one remote application facility.